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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT THAILAND

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 26 THAT HE RECENTLY MET WITH CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SARIN CHHAK IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THE CAMBODIAN OFFICIAL AGREED TO VISIT BANGKOK, PROBABLY TOWARD THE END OF OCTOBER, TO PREPARE A PROGRAM FOR THE SUBSEQUENT VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IENG SARY, ALL DESIGNED TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT APPEAR IN THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AP ADDS THAT CHATCHAI STATED THAT THAILAND WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN ECONOMY AND WOULD SUPPLY RICE TO CAMBODIA AS SOON AS RELATIONS WERE NORMALIZED.

3. COMMENT: THE THAI HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT NORMALIZING TIES WITH THEIR SOMEWHAT FRIGHTENING NEIGHBOR,
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AND IT SOUNDS AS IF, FINALLY, THEY MAY BE ON THE TRACK.

THE NEWS ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT CAMBODIA IS PERHAPS NOW
IN THE PROCESS OF SETTLING DOWN, TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSI-
BILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF NATIONS, RATHER THAN
REMAIN A MAVERICK IN CONTACT WITH ALMOST NO ONE, HOSTILE
TO ALMOST EVERYONE.
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